



THE EASTERN IOWA DX'ER

SUMMER 1991

NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION

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15-17 ARRL SSB sweepstakes

23-24 CQWW CW DX contest

The Summer meeting of the EIDXA will be held **Sunday August 11th**, 1991, 10:00 AM at the CVARC "Summerfest 91" hamfest to be held at the Teamsters Hall, 5000 J St. SW, Cedar Rapids (as last year, see enclosed map and info).

OPERATING EVENTS

AUGUST

3-4 ARRL UHF Contest

3-4 YO DX Contest

3-4 Ten-Ten Phone QSO party

10-12 European DX contest

17-18 ARRL 10GHz contest

17-18 SARTG RTTY contest

17-18 SEANET SSB contest

SEPTEMBER

1 LZ DX contest

7 North American CW Sprint

7-8 All Asian SSB contest

7-8 European SSB DX contest

14 North American SSB contest

14-16 ARRL VHF QSO party

21-22 ARRL 10GHz contest

28-29 CQWW RTTY DX contest

OCTOBER

26-27 CQWW SSB DX contest

NOVEMBER

1-3 ARRL CW sweepstakes

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all you contesters and DXERS! With varying propagation and summer activities it's been sort of off again/on again for most of us. The summer time check-ins on the 75M sunday night net have been dwindling, so I beleive we'll try it back on FM for awhile. I've been switching my beam around and have made connects on 144.91 with NOAJR-3 near Des Moines, N4RR, W9OER in Vermont, Ill and K9SD down near St. Louis.

In the DX circles, I guess we are all hoping and waiting for the ZA & XZ rumors to materialize. Things seem to be looking good (too bad for this old bumpkin that VE9NS didn't make S2--bummer!) with conditions becoming more and more variable it won't be long before 20M will probably be the highest frequency a DXpedition would be heard if one does develope.

One month ago, my family arrived at the infamous vesel - the "DX BOUND" in the Cardon Marina, Key Biscayne, Florida. Carol was there at the radio as we meandered down through the city of Miami - JGH at the wheel in the express lane (my new driving axiom in large cities: stay in the left lane

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when not nearing your exit. As long as three cars are going faster than you are in the past 15 minutes - just stay the hell out of their way and don't look at the speedometer!!!). Anyway, back to our most gracious hosts - the Hill's.

Bob arrived shortly there after....we shopped, stowed our luggage and we set sail for a weekend of pure fun in the sun with diving, sunning, radioing, stories, food, rowing, food, sailing, food --- say, did I mention the great food?

Well, I told Bob & Carol when we left I would be telling this experience to all back at the EIDX....yes, when Bob made the offer of "if you're going to Florida you must come by and we will go sailing". *[bet he wishes he had not said that after all the food KOJGH ate!!- ED]*

Folks -- Bob & Carol mean what they say. It was G R E A T!!!! Bob's radio gear was working well too. I met skeds for three days with my dad - KOJG1 in Ottumwa and QSO with KDORT.

In closing, the family of KOJGH, NOICI, NOICE and Kara (sometimes a little green in the big waves) would like to recommend to all to pay a visit to the Hill's on the "DX BOUND"!!

See you all at CVARC or in the pile-ups 73, Glen - KOJGH

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12 June 1991

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| Old Balance | \$391.83 |
| Dues | \$50.00 |
| Postage | -\$20.00 |
| New Balance | \$421.83 |

SUMMARY OF LAST MEETING

Meeting called to order by President KOJGH with pledge of allegiance followed by introductions. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting as published in the last newsletter. Treasures report by KOGVB and update of club roster for payed/non-payad and any status and/or address changes by keeper of the list, KORW. Section manager report by WOEJ (who seems to want someone else to take his job?!?) and DXAC report by Jim, WOSR (no mention of some Indian nation this time). Packet report, some experimentation with a digi on 144.91 at the QTH of WDOAWL in Ainsworth and the committee working to gather other hardware for other possible site(s). Membership report by WOSR & WOIZ with new members being "inducted". Meeting adjourned for program and trip to the Pizza Hut, where \$11.00 was left over and placed in the packet fund.

WHO'S DOIN WHAT?

From May, June, July & August QST
Mixed, KOGVB 338, WOIZ 338, WOSR 331, KFOH 328, KOJGH 321, KKOU 321, WONB 320, KOOQ 319, WOEJ 312, KOVZR 305, KOIR 291, WOBX 271, NC00 255, KE0Y 254, WBOZKG 240, KORW 228, WEOQ 225, KDORT 201, WBOB 190, WA0FYG 153, WEOU 152, KFOAD 110, NUOP 107, WROU 104. Phone, WOSR 330, WOIZ 324, KOGT 320, WDOAWL 311, KOVZR 303, WONB 292, WOEJ 269, WBOZKG 239, KOIR 227, WKOI 205, KUOA 203. CW WOSR 322, WOIZ 318, WONB 272, KE0Y 203.

WHO'S DOIN Continued

KOIR 181, RTTY WOIZ 213, 160M WOEJ 103, 80M WB8ZRL 142, 40M W0sr 193, WOIZ 179, WOEJ 126, KOIR 117, 10M W0WP 251, KOIR 162, WOEJ 152, KORW 108. Contests - November Sweepstakes CW, WOEJ, KDORT, KFOZ WB0B, KORW. November Sweepstakes SSB, KDORT, WOPPE, WA3TIE, NOIC1 w/KOJGH, KFOAD Multi. 10M Contest, WOPPE.

[I scanned the pages as closely as I can, if you did something that I missed or are not listed here, send it to me on packet at W0EU-2 and I will get it next time! - ED]

FROM THE V.P./EDITOR

Please note the time for the EIDXIA meeting during the CVARC "summerfest". I have been assured by the pres. (sez he talked to the CVARC boys) that the time is 10 AM. There had been some information published by the CVARC gang that it was to be at another time, please expect 10 AM!

Seems as tho the ARRL DXCC desk is digging out from under. I gave my cards to the UPS men (no 220 rigs in there yet!) on May 28th. Arrived at ARRL HQ June 5th and had them back July 17th! And this was for mixed endorsements (up to 287!), a NEW CW and a NEW 40M, so a little work for those guys! And speaking of DXCC matters, looks like Penguin Is. are good starting in September and I hear that proper documentation for 3X1SG has arrived at HQ so I can stop using that QSL as a coffee cup coaster and count it! Had a great time at Dayton. Went with

EIDXIA members WK0I and W0EU and another Burlington "thug" W0BIN. Looked it all over, even the flea market, bought a few things, passed up many more and met some EIDXIA members there as well as some guys I hv known frm previous lifes! Most interesting thing for me was to bump into a G3RBP on the main arena (the most crowd one there!) and the guys call looked famillure, somehow. And mine looked famillure to him as well. Then it struck us at the same time...160M! He was my first 160 England and I his Iowa! I dont envy his WAS efforts, was lots of work for me and I live here! Also made up my mind about something there, looked all the rigs I could afford over and decided to retire my 8 yr old TS430 for an 850, had to sell the 430 first tho! So got an 850 in June and have about 90% of it figgured out! Only draw back so far - no provision for external RX antenna (need it badly to hr anything in town on 160/80 & 40!) but got it lil mod all taken care of and am trying to wear the thing out b4 the warranty is up! Once again, Tom, WB8ZRL, gets the XTRA Class award for sending items for the newsletter, and Terry, WK0I, out on assignment for his company in N.Y. gets that XTRA Class award! thanks guys! Sure wish I could give out some more awards, but can't, no one else cooperated! Remember, packet works (ask WOEJ and WB8ZRL) so send your info to me via W0EU-2!

On the subject of members, Lee, W0BX became a silent key June 26th.

FROM V.P./EDITOR CONT.

I had met Lee but did not know him, sure wish someone who did know him had sent me some info! Maybe someone will "fill" for us on WOBX at the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting, our prez sez he may get WOFIR to drop by, and then have a DX slide program.

Under the "there just might be justice after all" heading, the August 1991 *Mobile Radio Technology* magazine reports that "speculators" have already filed over 100,000 applications for the 220-222MHz portion of the band we must vacate at the end of August. "One possible irony in this situation is that United Parcel Service (UPS) may not win a nation wide license. An estimated 125 applications for nation wide licenses were filed, at an FCC processing fee [processing means you pour it in and may never get anything back! - ED] of \$24,500 [each! - ED] for a 10 - channel system." Maybe the ol UPS will get screwed out of 220 just like us amateurs! After seeing the "fee" the FCC collects I really understand why we should write our Senators (see August QST) about the amateur band preservation bill. If ol George Bush gets a few more deals like 220-222MHz he just might "cash out" the whole damn amateur radio service and pay off the national debt!

Speaking of money, I made every effort at the last meeting to get the membership list updated. A part of that effort was to not spend postage and paper on non-paying members. So, if

someone who thinks they are a member wonders why they didn't get this newsletter and you did, just tell'em I didn't mail to those who don't pay!
73, CU at the CVARC "Summerfest91"
John, KORW

HEARD ON THE BANDS

During an ET2A list session, some intentional QRM in the form of a carrier was plaguing the list taker. During the confusion and complaining about the carrier the comment "Real DXers should be able to copy through a little QRM." was made, almost instantly someone responded with "Not when he has a YAESU!".....AH! the fun of DXing!

DXing.....

DXing is the term given to communication over a long distance. DXers are maniacs who are hell-bent on reversing the ozone depletion. Ham radio is an outdated hobby. We use 1940's technology to communicate with people in the 1990's. Many of us have perfectly good telephones in our houses, but as DXers we know that the telephone will be rendered useless by the interference from our stations. DXing is like starting to smoke. At first it hurts a lot, then you can't stop, then you die! DX is a sport, it involves cunning, strategy, power and nerve. To win you have to be one of the chosen who gets his call returned by the "rare DX" over 10,000 other screaming maniacs. And thats when you are chosen...by the eternal forces of destiny to be a DXer!! *by AA6PD*

SUMMERFEST '91

Sponsored by the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club

Sunday, August 11, 1991

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TEAMSTERS' HALL (Same Place as Last Year)
5000 J Street SW
Cedar Rapids, IA

*Door Prizes -- Quality and Quantity Selected to Please !

*Saturday Night Set-up

*Handicapped Accessible

*Free Parking Nearby

*Tailgaters Welcome

*No Advanced Ticket Sales

*Free Coffee

*Cool -- Air Conditioned Hall

*Snacks Available on Site

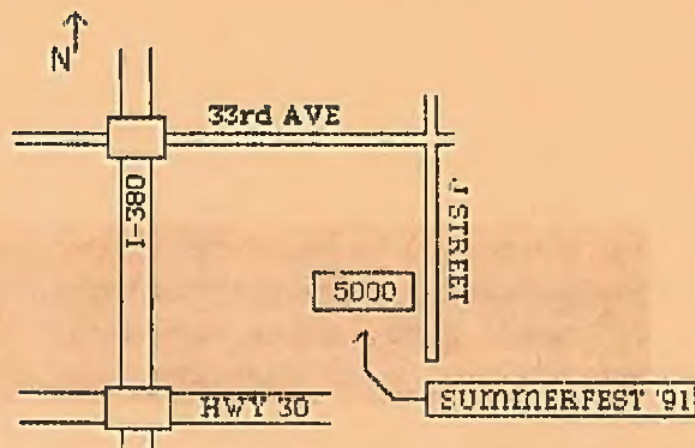
*Tables -- With 115 V : \$12 --

*Tables -- Without 115 V : \$10 --

*Talk-In Frequency 146.145 / 745

*Tickets Only \$ 4.00 Each

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Southwest Corner of Cedar Rapids ————— This is an ARRL-Sanctioned Event

FROM THE LOG 10 YRS AGO

KP2A/d - Desocheo island. John worked the bands dry from this new one.

ZM7JS - Tokelau. by Jim Smith, VK9NS.

XZ5A - Burma. This one stirred up lots of activity, but like now, did not count for DXCC.

OJ0AM - Market Reef. By DH2BAD.

9U5WR - Burundi. Jerry, SP6BAA, operated lots of CW and was the only operation from 9U for many years.

TN8YT - Congo, Vince, K5YT, drew a big crowd. This was the first CW from TN for some time.

KY4AA - Virgin Islands. The legendayr Dick Spencerly was a fixture on 20 CW. Sorry was the op that sent his/her name twice to Dick. [John John, never never, send send, Tonganoxie Tonganoxie, twice twice - ED!]

3X1Z - Guinea. Jacques, W4LZZ, handed out many SSB contacts from this rare QTH. (Jacques, most recently signing Y29A, became a silent key in June.)

S9YCT - Sao Tome and Principe. Vince, K5YT, activated this very rare one. Mostly CW, of course.

FR0FLO/e - Europa. Herick, now FR5DX, activated several of the FR islands. This one equib'd for FR/j. It was MUCH easier then to get a card from Herick, at least for this operation.

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